

HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY JULY 20TH 2011 AT 7.30PM IN HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

PRESENT: Peter Cregeen (Chairman); Susan Sinclair; Charlie Butcher; Geoff Brighton; Jilly Caesar; John Scutt.

Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Judy Onslow and one member of the public.

11/19 Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Vaughan Clarke and Parish Councillors Nick Davis and David Caukill were all on holiday.

11/20 Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on May 17th were approved and signed as a true record.

11/21 Declarations of Interest

Geoff Brighton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in his own planning application, namely SDNP/53639 Longlythe Cottage, Stairs Hill, Empshott. Peter Cregeen to replace Geoff Brighton on planning committee for this application. As notification has just been received from EHDC, this application was not discussed.

11/22 Report of District Councillor

Judy Onslow confirmed that unfortunately the finance is still not in place to allow EHDC to go ahead with the clearance on Stairs Hill and that help is now being sought from the SDNP.

A waste collection contract is about to be signed in a joint arrangement with Winchester, which will lead to considerable savings. Further such cost savings- inspired joint arrangements will likely follow. In an HCC-driven initiative, a major house –insulating drive will shortly be announced, and incentives to participate are likely to be extended to house owners. EHDC continues to work towards finding an authorised Travellers’ site. Although septic tanks are outside EHDC’s remit, an article attempting to explain the latest legislation surrounding ownership of septic tanks will appear in the December issue of Partners. Clerk to place an article in the parish magazine drawing residents’ attention to this matter.

11/23 Report of County Councillor

The Chairman read out a report in Vaughan Clarke’s absence on the statistics revealed in the latest Health Profile for East Hampshire showing that most indicators are better than the national average. Also, a new membership scheme for libraries has been introduced, making it easier for care homes and others to borrow large numbers of books and other items.

11/24 Matters arising:

a) Geoff Brighton met with HCC Countryside Access Officer and showed her the lane for which a permanent TRO is sought. This is unlikely to be forthcoming however some lockable removable bollards which would prevent vehicular access may be possible. This option to be pursued.

b) Geoff Brighton then took CAO to Stairs Hill to look at the footpath entrance where access is impeded. He obtained agreement in principle to the installation of a fence to prevent further dumping once the current mess has been cleared.

11/25 Finance

The clerk presented a financial summary of the period since the last meeting; the Parish Council passed the 2010-2011 Internal Audit in May, with no questions arising.

11/26 Planning

John Scutt summarised recent planning applications and responses of the planning committee:

52397/002 Walnut Cottage, Standfast Lane, Replacement windows

No objection

31511/010 Alderney Stud, Quarry Farm, CLU to equestrian lets, dormer windows

No objection

20245/031 Half Acre, Hawkley Road, Retention of stable block and tack room

Objection

52354/001 Holyrood House, Empshott Green, Replacement dwelling

No objection

21426/005 Hawkley Place, Pockocks Lane, Photovoltaic panels to stable block

No objection

21480/008 Doscombe Cottage, The Hollow, Photovoltaic panels ground array

No objection

51451/004 Warren Barn, Church Lane, Priors Dean, CLU land and buildings for travelling showpersons.

Objection

John Scutt and Geoff Brighton have kindly completed the SDNPA questionnaire on community involvement. Clerk to submit.

11/27 Parish Plan

Jilly Caesar, having attended a recent EHDC meeting on the new Community Forums, expressed her concern that while Hawkley has continued to thrive and develop largely independently of outside influences for some years, this may not be realistic in the future. The new infrastructure levy rules could leave Hawkley at a disadvantage if it cannot demonstrate community consultation in the form of a parish plan, and if it does not participate in the Community Forum process in the future. Concerns were expressed that this may lead to the promulgation of ideas that the Parish Council does not welcome, such as multiple speed restriction signs or formal car parking arrangements and so bring about unwelcome development in the village. After further discussion it was agreed to look at other small villages' low key parish plans and then to consider an initial discussion with EHDC officers.

11/28 Correspondence

- a) A letter of thanks has been received from the Liss Greatham and Hawkley Friendship Fund, acknowledging receipt of the grant agreed at the last meeting.
- b) A local filmmaker has been in touch; he will be filming with a small crew in an area down Cheesecombe Lane on August 21st. Minimum disturbance is promised.
- c) Clerk having earlier distributed information on HCC's Small Grants Scheme, Susan Sinclair suggested that the Parish Council's owl boxes should be looked at, with a view to their possible restoration if required, and with a view to considering whether it was desirable to seek funds to increase their number. Tree Warden and naturalist Barry Allison, present at the meeting, offered to pursue this, liaising with Phil Lavender. Councillors confirmed that if it was felt that there was merit in seeking a grant, then the Parish Council would be happy to do this.

11/29 Reports of Representatives

a) Hawkley Parish Hall

The Chairman commented on the positive local press coverage of the opening event of the Parish Hall and he congratulated Nick Davis on his leadership of the project once more. Nick Davis had asked that all Councillors be thanked for their encouragement and support of the project.

b) Footpaths

Nothing to report

c) Lengthsman

A fallen branch is posing a danger on the road to Priors Dean, with a sharp edge projecting into the road.

Flytipping incident at the Weston end of Cheesecombe Lane.

Clerk to pursue both.

d) LGHFF Charity

Nothing further to add to what had already been said.

11/30 Date of next meeting:

The date of the next meeting will be November 2nd.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Chairman

Date